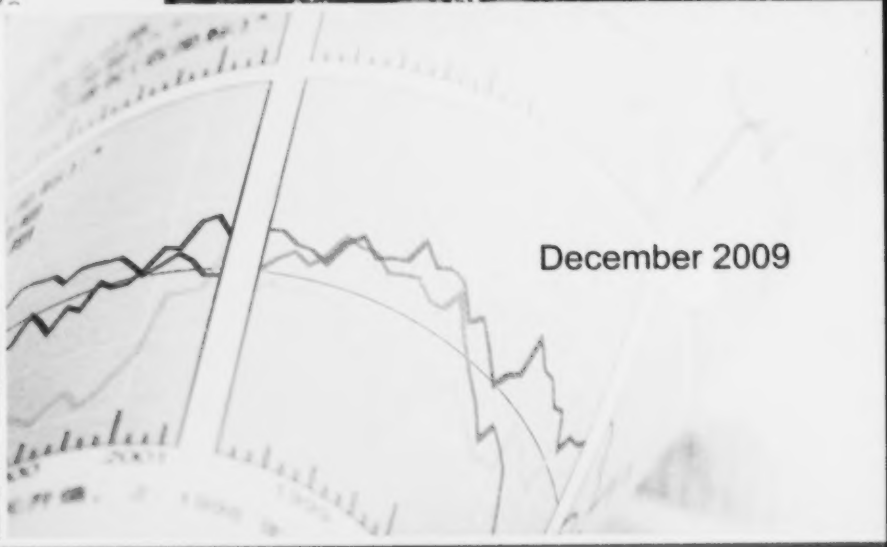

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Current Economic Indicators
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Highlights

Labour Force: Alberta's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.4% in November, down from the 7.5% recorded in October. The decline in the unemployment rate was due mainly to an increase in employment by 12,800 and a reduction in the number of unemployed by 2,000. Nationally, the unemployment rate fell by 0.1% to 8.5% over the same period. The number of people employed in Alberta decreased by 2.5% or 51,600 over the last 12 months. The industries with the largest declines in employment were manufacturing (down 28,100), mining and oil and gas extraction (down 25,000), professional scientific and technical services (down 23,600) and retail trade (down 16,900). The industries with the largest increases in employment over the same period were other services (up 14,900), accommodation and food services (up 12,800) and public administration (up 11,600).

Consumer Spending: In September 2009, Alberta retail sales fell 10.4% from September 2008 to $4.6 billion. Aside from a 4.4% increase in miscellaneous retailers and a 2.2% increase in food and beverage stores, all other stores recorded decreases in sales. The largest declines were registered for gasoline service stations (down 22.1%) and furniture, furnishings and electronics stores (down 16.6%). Retail trade in the first three quarters of the year totalled $41.8 billion, down 9.8% from the same period in 2008. The number of Alberta residential home re-sales via the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) rose by 29.6% in October, compared to the same month in 2008, to 4,978. On a year-to-date basis, MLS sales were 2.3% lower than in the same period a year ago. In October, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.1% from a year ago. Consumer prices rose 0.4% and 0.1%, respectively, in Edmonton and Calgary over the same period. Nationally, consumer prices also rose 0.1%.

Construction: In November, Alberta registered a large 54.9% increase in housing starts from November 2008 to 2,217. Year-to-date Alberta starts declined by 35.6%, compared to the same period last year. In October, the value of Alberta building permits rose 68.1% from the same month last year. Year-to-date, the value of building permits declined by 26.2% from the same period in 2008, to $8.4 billion.

Energy: Production of natural gas and crude oil declined by 7.7% and 0.5%, respectively, between August 2008 and August 2009. The number of active drilling rigs in November fell by 35.6% from November 2008 to 152. For the first 11 months of the year, the number of active drilling rigs declined by 49.3% compared to the same period last year. In November, crude oil prices rose by 35.7% from November 2008.

Manufacturing: In September, the value of Alberta's manufacturing shipments fell 30.1% to $4.5 billion from September 2008. Aside from a 14.1% increase in paper and allied products and a 3.0% increase in food products, all other industries registered significant declines in shipments. Computer and electronics, chemical and chemical products, metal fabrication, and petroleum and coal product shipments declined by 69.2%, 44.7%, 37.9% and 35.0%, respectively. Year-to-date, manufacturing shipments fell by 23.9% when compared to the same period in 2008. Nationally, manufacturing shipments fell by 20.0% over the same period.

Farm Cash Receipts: In the third quarter of 2009, Alberta farm cash receipts fell 16.1% from the same quarter in 2008 to $2.1 billion. Crop and livestock receipts fell by 23.0% and 8.5%, respectively. On a year-to-date basis, farm cash receipts were down 6.7% from the same period in 2008 to $7.2 billion.

Exports: In October, Alberta merchandise exports decreased by 39.6% from October 2008 to $5.9 billion. Exports of mining and energy, manufacturing and primary agriculture decreased by 42.8%, 32.4% and 26.5%, respectively. Year-to-date, Alberta exports fell 39.2% from the same period in 2008. Nationally, exports fell by 28.7% over the same period.

Bankruptcies and Incorporations: In October, business bankruptcies fell by 5.7% from October 2008 to 33 while consumer bankruptcies rose 9.2% to 690. From January to October 2009, business bankruptcies fell by 8.3% while consumer bankruptcies rose 78.1% from the same period last year. In October, the number of business incorporations declined by 15.5%, compared to the October 2008, to 3,045. Year-to-date, the number of business incorporations contracted by 23.1% to 29,022 compared to the same period in 2008.

CURRENT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (seasonally adjusted)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER AVERAGE			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2008	2009	Yearly Change	2008	2009	Yearly Change	2008	2009	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Labour Force (000's)	2,085.8	2,128.3	42.5	2,113.1	2,127.6	14.5	2,105.1	2,138.5	33.4
Calgary	724.6	746.2	21.6	741.8	751.3	9.5	744.3	753.1	8.8
Edmonton	643.5	659.9	16.4	645.8	662.5	16.7	651.3	661.6	10.3
Employed (000's)	2,012.1	1,989.6	-22.5	2,035.2	1,967.2	-68.0	2,031.6	1,980.0	-51.6
Calgary	700.4	699.7	-0.7	713.0	699.7	-13.3	716.8	700.2	-16.6
Edmonton	619.9	618.9	-1.0	623.7	611.2	-12.5	627.6	610.4	-17.2
Employment Rate (%)	72.0	69.5	-2.5	72.4	68.1	-4.3	72.1	68.5	-3.6
Calgary	74.2	72.2	-2.0	75.0	71.5	-3.5	75.2	71.4	-3.8
Edmonton	70.3	68.6	-1.7	70.3	67.2	-3.1	70.6	66.9	-3.7
Unemployment (000's)	73.7	138.8	65.1	77.8	160.5	82.7	73.5	158.5	85.0
Calgary	24.1	46.5	22.4	28.9	51.5	22.6	27.6	52.9	25.3
Edmonton	23.6	40.9	17.3	22.1	51.3	29.2	23.7	51.2	27.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.5	6.5	3.0	3.7	7.5	3.8	3.5	7.4	3.9
Calgary	3.3	6.2	2.9	3.9	6.9	3.0	3.7	7.0	3.3
Edmonton	3.7	6.2	2.5	3.4	7.7	4.3	3.6	7.7	4.1
Participation Rate (%)	74.6	74.4	-0.2	75.1	73.7	-1.4	74.7	74.0	-0.7
Calgary	76.8	77.0	0.2	78.0	76.8	-1.2	78.1	76.8	-1.3
Edmonton	73.0	73.2	0.2	72.8	72.8	0.0	73.3	72.6	-0.7

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

ADDITIONAL LABOUR FORCE INDICATORS (unadjusted)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER AVERAGE			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2008	2009	Yearly Change	2008	2009	Yearly Change	2008	2009	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Male Unemployment Rate (%)	3.4	7.2	3.8	3.3	7.5	4.2	3.3	7.9	4.6
Female Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	5.9	2.2	3.8	6.5	2.7	3.8	6.5	2.7
Youth Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	12.4	5.0	8.6	13.1	4.5	7.6	12.9	5.3
Working Age Population (000's)	2,794.3	2,862.0	67.7	2,812.3	2,887.1	74.8	2,818.0	2,891.5	73.5
Calgary	943.9	968.9	25.0	951.0	978.5	27.5	952.8	980.4	27.6
Edmonton	881.2	901.9	20.7	886.9	910.2	23.3	888.4	911.8	23.4
Employed (000's)	2,013.5	1,987.8	-25.7	2,035.4	1,966.6	-68.8	2,025.1	1,979.5	-45.6
Full-time	1,690.5	1,634.8	-55.7	1,696.7	1,618.3	-78.4	1,678.5	1,610.3	-68.2
Part-time	323.0	353.0	30.0	338.7	348.2	9.5	346.6	369.2	22.6

Note: Calgary and Edmonton estimates are 3-month moving averages.

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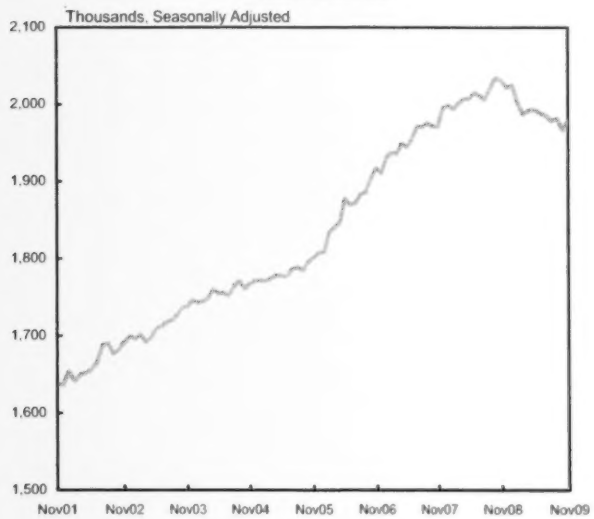

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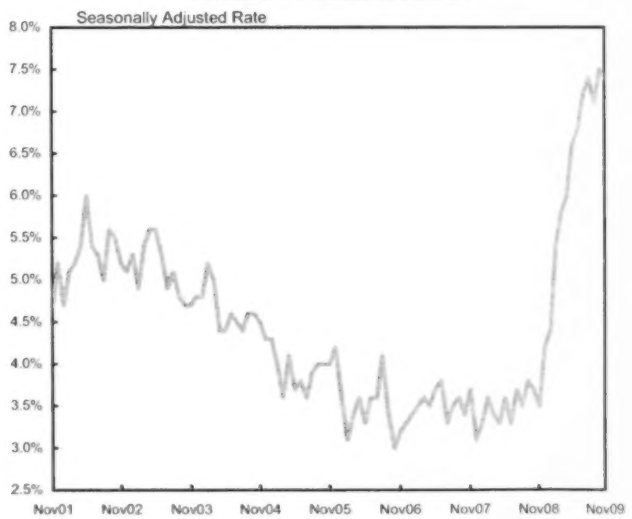

INDUSTRY LABOUR FORCE (unadjusted)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER AVERAGE			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2008	2009	Yearly Change	2008	2009	Yearly Change	2008	2009	Yearly Change
Alberta									
Agriculture									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.2	1.8	0.6	2.3	3.0	0.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Employed (000's)	61.2	55.5	-5.7	67.4	55.4	-12.0	56.4	51.0	-5.4
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.0	7.7	4.7	2.8	9.3	6.5	5.0	7.1	2.1
Employed (000's)	145.0	137.5	-7.5	144.9	123.3	-21.6	152.7	127.7	-25.0
Construction									
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.0	8.9	4.9	3.9	6.1	2.2	4.5	6.7	2.2
Employed (000's)	206.0	191.5	-14.5	220.1	201.1	-19.0	208.9	203.5	-5.4
Manufacturing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.2	8.1	5.9	2.9	9.2	6.3	2.0	8.6	6.6
Employed (000's)	143.6	123.7	-19.9	152.7	118.5	-34.2	150.1	122.0	-28.1
Wholesale Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.9	5.2	2.3	3.8	5.4	1.6	1.7	6.5	4.8
Employed (000's)	88.4	75.1	-13.3	87.5	79.6	-7.9	85.1	76.1	-9.0
Retail Trade									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	5.9	2.3	3.9	6.0	2.1	3.3	6.4	3.1
Employed (000's)	228.7	225.6	-3.1	231.2	216.5	-14.7	236.7	219.8	-16.9
Transportation and Warehousing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.0	6.0	4.0	2.4	7.5	5.1	4.6	6.0	1.4
Employed (000's)	102.1	103.6	1.5	104.1	103.8	-0.3	101.9	103.5	1.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.5	2.2	0.7	2.0	2.3	0.3	n/a	2.5	n/a
Employed (000's)	111.6	110.1	-1.5	110.7	104.1	-6.6	111.3	104.3	-7.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.5	4.9	3.4	n/a	5.1	n/a	n/a	5.9	n/a
Employed (000's)	164.6	152.6	-12.0	167.1	144.1	-23.0	170.5	146.9	-23.6
Business, Building and Other Support Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	7.6	3.7	7.0	10.4	3.4	5.2	7.0	1.8
Employed (000's)	63.9	66.7	2.8	63.0	63.4	0.4	60.1	66.5	6.4
Educational Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.2	3.6	0.4	2.3	2.7	0.4	n/a	1.9	n/a
Employed (000's)	125.2	130.8	5.6	132.7	137.1	4.4	134.9	137.9	3.0
Health Care and Social Assistance									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.4	1.7	0.3	n/a	1.5	n/a	n/a	1.8	n/a
Employed (000's)	190.6	196.9	6.3	181.3	203.3	22.0	191.0	200.9	9.9
Information, Culture and Recreation									
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.9	5.2	1.3	3.4	4.4	1.0	3.8	5.0	1.2
Employed (000's)	71.5	80.0	8.5	67.6	82.7	15.1	70.3	80.0	9.7
Accommodation and Food Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	6.6	0.9	4.1	4.3	0.2	5.6	6.9	1.3
Employed (000's)	114.4	125.2	10.8	115.2	117.1	1.9	110.5	123.3	12.8
Other Services									
Unemployment Rate (%)	2.2	5.2	3.0	2.7	6.1	3.4	2.2	5.7	3.5
Employed (000's)	91.6	99.6	8.0	91.8	102.9	11.1	87.3	102.2	14.9
Public Administration									
Unemployment Rate (%)	1.0	1.8	0.8	n/a	3.3	n/a	1.9	1.6	-0.3
Employed (000's)	84.2	89.8	5.6	78.1	89.2	11.1	79.3	90.9	11.6

NOTE: "n/a" is reported in instances of insufficient response.

EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Recipients, seasonally adj.	16,838	51,782	207.5	17,590	57,520	227.0	17,060	71,910	321.5

WAGES AND SALARIES ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	86,255	87,659	1.6	9,769	9,608	-1.6	9,854	9,661	-2.0

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS ALL EMPLOYEES	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER AVERAGE			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
$/week, seasonally adjusted	916.23	949.92	3.7	923.47	934.48	1.2	946.70	959.46	1.3

MIGRATION	JANUARY - JUNE			JANUARY - MARCH			APRIL - JUNE		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
International									
Immigration	12,548	12,204	-2.7	5,352	5,279	-1.4	7,196	6,925	-3.8
Emigration	2,193	2,199	0.3	961	962	0.1	1,232	1,237	0.4
Returning Canadians	1,514	1,514	0.0	579	579	0.0	935	935	0.0
Temporarily abroad	1,014	1,014	0.0	480	480	0.0	534	534	0.0
Net Non-Permanent Residents	11,226	6,974	-37.9	3,985	4,380	9.9	7,241	2,594	-64.2
Net international migration	22,081	17,479	-20.8	8,475	8,796	3.8	13,606	8,683	-36.2
Interprovincial									
In-migration	42,595	50,675	19.0	18,572	24,982	34.5	24,023	25,693	7.0
Out-migration	31,518	38,794	23.1	14,710	17,838	21.3	16,808	20,956	24.7
Net Interprovincial migration	11,077	11,881	7.3	3,862	7,144	85.0	7,215	4,737	-34.3

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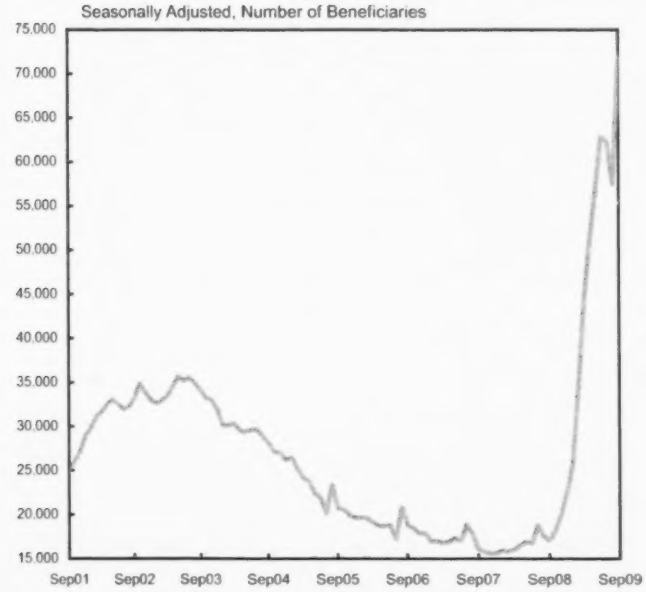


AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS

RETAIL TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	AUGUST 2008	2009	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Stores, seasonally adjusted	46,325	41,766	-9.8	5,086	4,611	-9.3	5,146	4,611	-10.4
Motor and Recreational Vehicles	12,552	10,614	-15.4	1,321	1,159	-12.2	1,288	1,160	-9.9
Gasoline Service Stations	6,159	4,725	-23.3	761	589	-22.6	733	570	-22.1
Furniture, Furnishings, Electronics	3,886	3,251	-16.3	478	399	-16.6	480	400	-16.6
Building and Outdoor Home Supplies	2,951	2,480	-16.0	346	307	-11.4	350	307	-12.3
Food and Beverage	8,835	9,020	2.1	1,066	1,014	-4.9	969	990	2.2
Pharmacies and Personal Care	1,804	1,729	-4.2	194	187	-3.7	196	190	-2.8
Clothing and Accessories	2,375	2,191	-7.7	303	287	-5.4	287	254	-11.5
General Merchandise	4,960	4,974	0.3	591	578	-2.2	561	554	-1.3
Miscellaneous Retailers	2,214	2,250	1.6	270	270	0.0	256	268	4.4

Note: The Total All Stores series is seasonally adjusted; the sales by store type series are not seasonally adjusted.

FOOD SERVICES AND DRINKING PLACES RECEIPTS ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	AUGUST 2008	2009	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	4,941	4,990	1.0	560	555	-0.9	561	561	-0.1

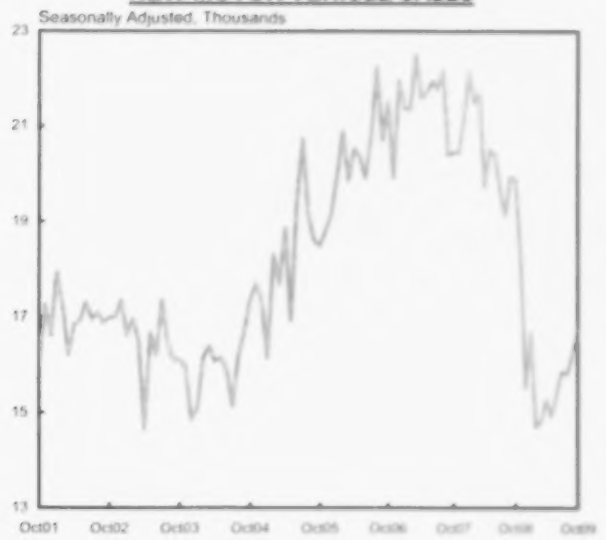
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Number Sold, seasonally adjusted	204,647	156,416	-23.6	19,935	16,201	-18.7	19,898	16,725	-15.9
Total Number Sold, unadjusted	205,670	157,635	-23.4	19,190	16,205	-15.6	18,640	16,168	-13.3
Passenger Vehicles	78,043	53,495	-31.5	7,045	5,525	-21.6	6,308	5,215	-17.3
Trucks	127,627	104,140	-18.4	12,145	10,680	-12.1	12,332	10,953	-11.2

Note: Trucks include minivans, sport-utility vehicles, light and heavy trucks, vans and buses regardless of their intended use. Passenger vehicles also include taxis and rental cars.

WHOLESALE TRADE ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	AUGUST 2008	2009	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total All Merchants, seasonally adjusted	51,047	44,607	-12.6	6,124	4,708	-23.1	5,985	4,703	-21.4

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE TRADE

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES



MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE (MLS) HOUSING RESALES	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (number)	51,773	50,590	-2.3	5,182	5,258	1.5	3,840	4,978	29.6
Calgary	21,218	21,604	1.8	2,006	2,255	12.4	1,453	2,265	55.9
Edmonton	15,870	16,930	6.7	1,729	1,704	-1.4	1,249	1,535	22.9
Total Value ($000,000)	18,355	17,195	-6.3	1,773	1,822	2.8	1,314	1,748	33.0
Calgary	8,656	8,296	-4.2	784	890	13.6	565	905	60.3
Edmonton	5,308	5,428	2.2	562	558	-0.7	397	490	23.4

HOUSING STARTS (urban)	JANUARY - NOVEMBER			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total	24,296	15,651	-35.6	1,885	2,235	18.6	1,431	2,217	54.9
Single Detached	10,844	10,744	-0.9	916	1,527	66.7	964	1,514	57.1
All Others*	13,452	4,907	-63.5	969	801	-17.3	467	703	50.5
Calgary	11,035	5,661	-48.7	599	732	22.2	575	832	44.7
Edmonton	6,291	5,505	-12.5	612	947	54.7	279	938	236.2

* Includes: two-family, row, and apartment dwellings

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total Value, seasonally adjusted	11,341.4	8,372.6	-26.2	1,031.8	917.4	-11.1	830.6	1,395.9	68.1
Total Value, unadjusted	11,461.0	8,666.1	-24.4	1,052.5	968.5	-8.0	861.5	1,465.2	70.1
Calgary	4,082.0	3,467.3	-15.1	275.1	327.1	18.9	319.5	602.3	88.5
Edmonton	3,100.2	3,091.6	-0.3	352.5	386.2	9.6	276.0	604.9	119.2
Residential	5,480.3	4,230.6	-22.8	461.5	649.6	40.8	438.0	644.9	47.2
Calgary	1,807.2	1,463.4	-19.0	118.4	216.4	82.7	115.4	217.7	88.6
Edmonton	1,432.7	1,677.0	17.0	129.1	287.6	122.8	171.0	284.0	66.0
Industrial	1,116.3	654.4	-41.4	171.1	22.1	-87.1	40.3	237.7	490.5
Calgary	189.9	62.5	-67.1	21.5	3.8	-82.2	17.1	19.4	12.9
Edmonton	304.2	374.8	23.2	55.1	11.9	-78.3	11.7	202.6	1630.7
Commercial	3,728.2	2,166.7	-41.9	328.2	201.2	-38.7	231.6	234.8	1.4
Calgary	1,662.4	909.4	-45.3	109.5	67.5	-38.3	84.4	76.7	-9.1
Edmonton	1,022.2	784.1	-23.3	149.9	54.5	-63.6	88.2	87.7	-0.5
Institutional/Government	1,136.3	1,614.4	42.1	91.8	95.6	4.1	151.6	347.8	129.4
Calgary	422.4	1,032.0	144.3	25.7	39.4	53.2	102.5	288.5	181.4
Edmonton	341.1	255.7	-25.0	18.4	32.1	74.5	5.1	30.6	501.8

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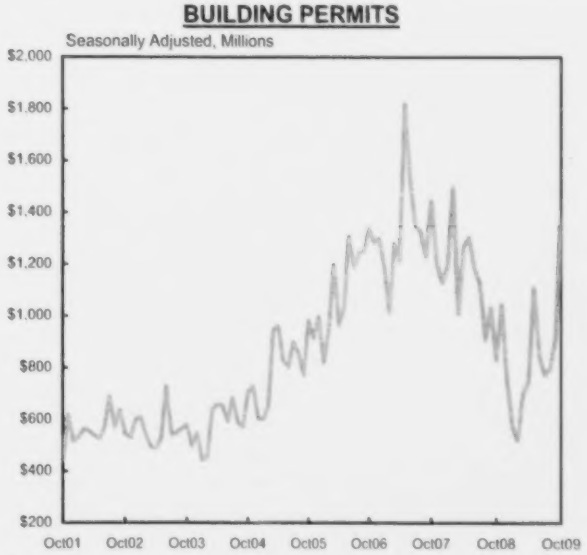

MANUFACTURING (Value of shipments of goods of own manufacture $000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total, seasonally adjusted	54,001.7	41,103.6	-23.9	6,131.0	4,516.0	-26.3	6,428.7	4,495.8	-30.1
Total, unadjusted	53,992.3	41,089.8	-23.9	6,319.2	4,691.2	-25.8	6,446.3	4,557.1	-29.3
Food Products	8,152.3	8,877.6	8.9	936.3	967.2	3.3	972.1	1,001.3	3.0
Plastics & Rubber Products	1,118.4	835.8	-25.3	130.3	100.2	-23.1	136.8	105.3	-23.0
Metal Fabricating	4,295.1	3,246.8	-24.4	494.9	325.2	-34.3	516.5	320.8	-37.9
Printing & Publishing	655.2	636.4	-2.9	67.9	65.5	-3.6	83.0	75.9	-8.6
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	1,825.5	1,347.7	-26.2	236.9	183.4	-22.6	261.5	206.3	-21.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	13,765.6	8,789.7	-36.1	1,672.8	1,180.1	-29.5	1,590.8	1,033.6	-35.0
Chemicals & Chemical Products	10,936.3	6,920.5	-36.7	1,284.9	749.1	-41.7	1,261.7	697.8	-44.7
Wood	1,841.8	1,330.4	-27.8	222.4	153.0	-31.2	225.3	148.2	-34.2
Furniture and Fixtures	705.5	591.7	-16.1	77.5	69.5	-10.4	82.6	70.6	-14.4
Paper & Allied	1,407.0	1,219.7	-13.3	151.6	156.1	3.0	147.3	168.1	14.1
Computers & Electronics	707.8	483.5	-31.7	61.4	62.0	0.9	105.8	32.5	-69.2
Machinery	4,554.3	3,614.9	-20.6	504.2	382.2	-24.2	525.0	365.7	-30.4
Other Manufacturing*	4,027.6	3,195.0	-20.7	477.8	297.8	-37.7	537.8	330.9	-38.5

*Other Manufacturing is derived residually, by deducting the sum of the above industries from the total for all manufacturing (includes Primary Metal, Beverage and Transportation Equipment sectors)

AGRICULTURE Farm Cash Receipts ($000,000)	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			APRIL - JUNE			JULY - SEPTEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total From Operations	7,755.6	7,239.4	-6.7	2,527.6	2,365.3	-6.4	2,474.7	2,076.5	-16.1
Crops	3,623.9	3,450.6	-4.8	1,214.6	1,208.5	-0.5	1,026.0	789.9	-23.0
Wheat, other than Durum	1,247.9	1,120.1	-10.2	518.3	468.8	-9.5	368.6	262.3	-28.8
Durum Wheat	217.8	167.1	-23.3	81.0	80.6	-0.5	41.9	35.4	-15.4
Barley	300.3	230.6	-23.2	110.0	93.3	-15.2	69.0	49.6	-28.1
Canola	1,316.7	1,289.3	-2.1	416.6	451.0	8.3	427.8	315.4	-26.3
Livestock	3,169.6	3,163.8	-0.2	1,020.0	1,060.8	4.0	1,153.0	1,054.9	-8.5
Cattle and Calves	2.2	2.3	2.1	0.7	0.8	8.4	0.8	0.8	-5.8
Hogs	296.4	247.4	-16.5	101.8	80.3	-21.2	107.1	68.1	-36.4
Dairy Products	339.7	343.0	1.0	112.3	116.3	3.6	116.8	113.0	-3.3
Poultry	192.3	187.6	-2.4	63.8	61.2	-4.1	70.4	65.4	-7.1
Direct/Program Payments	962.1	624.9	-35.0	293.0	96.1	-67.2	295.7	231.6	-21.7

Note: Wheat, Durum Wheat and Barley receipts include Canadian Wheat Board payments.

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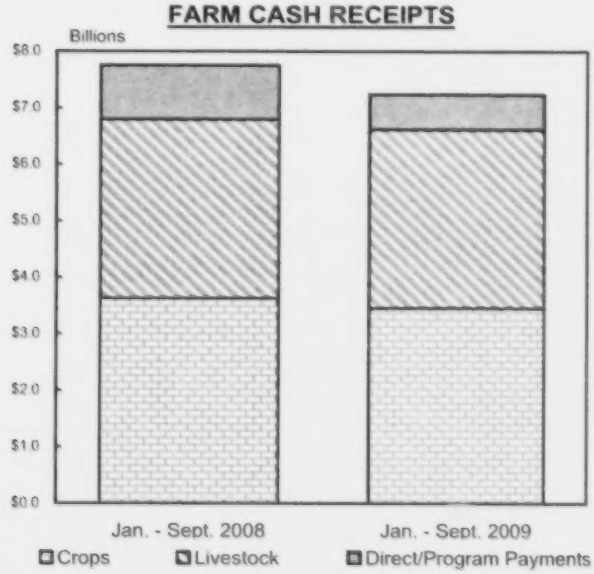

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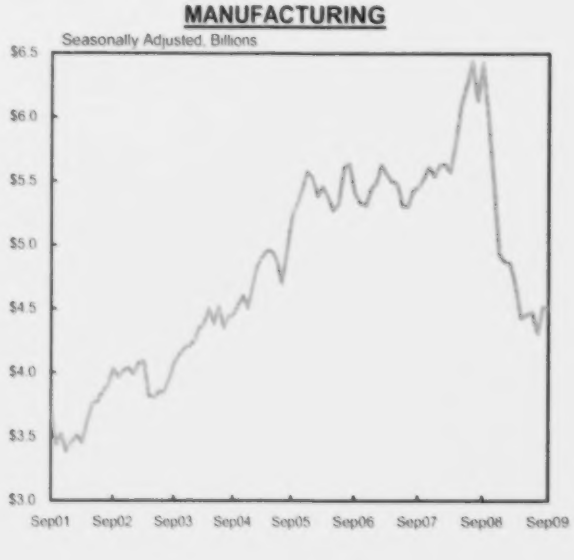

ENERGY PRODUCTION AND DELIVERIES	JANUARY - AUGUST			JULY			AUGUST		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Natural Gas									
Production (million m^3)	106,328	100,035	-5.9	12,999	12,048	-7.3	12,887	11,889	-7.7
Deliveries (million m^3)	87,300	82,968	-5.0	9,905	9,749	-1.6	10,516	9,663	-8.1
Crude Oil and Equivalents*									
Production ('000 m^3)	71,700	73,139	2.0	9,546	9,609	0.7	9,615	9,570	-0.5
Deliveries ('000 m^3)	73,635	75,362	2.3	9,161	10,739	17.2	9,610	10,012	4.2

*Includes Conventional Light/Medium/Heavy, Bitumen, Synthetic, Condensate and Pentanes Plus.

RIG ACTIVITY	JANUARY - NOVEMBER AVERAGE			OCTOBER			NOVEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Rig Counts									
Drilling	236	119	-49.3	263	129	-50.9	237	152	-35.6
Available	662	608	-8.2	620	599	-3.4	618	592	-4.3

ENERGY PRICES	ANNUAL AVERAGES		2008			2009			Annual % Change
	2007	2008	SEPT	OCT	NOV	SEPT	OCT	NOV	
West Texas Intermediate Crude Oil Price (US$/Barrel)	72.32	99.66	103.74	76.72	57.61	69.47	76.08	78.15	35.7
Natural Gas Reference Price (C$/GJ)	5.88	7.47	6.28	6.27	6.25	2.48	3.40	n/a	-45.8

Note: Annual % Change is a comparison of the latest month for which data are available with the same month of the previous year.

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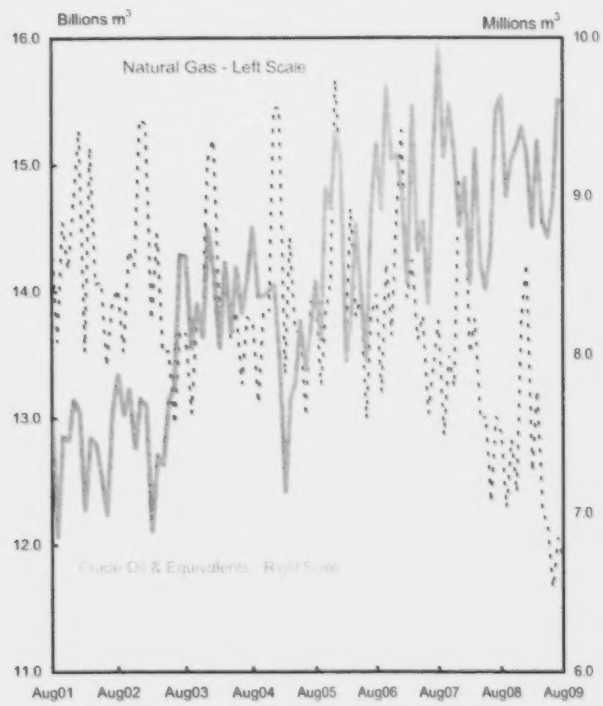

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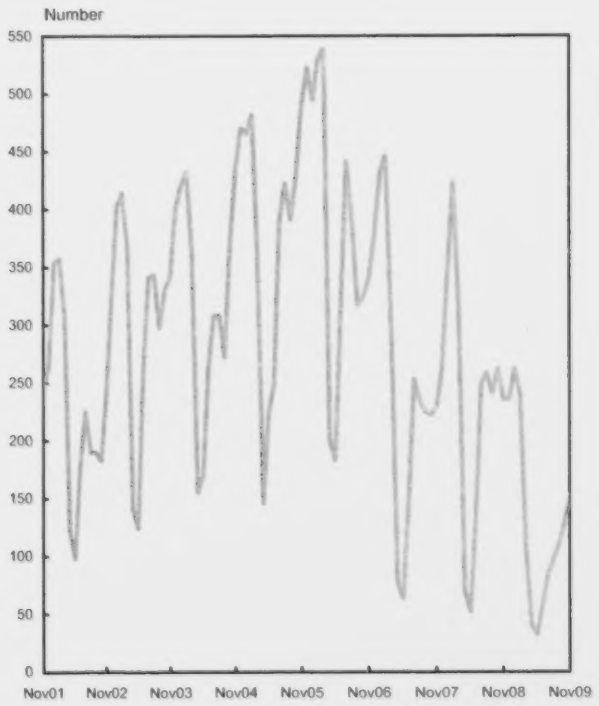

EXPORTS By Industry ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all industries	94,163.9	57,212.8	-39.2	9,573.2	5,717.8	-40.3	9,812.5	5,931.4	-39.6
Primary Agriculture	4,328.4	3,832.8	-11.4	410.5	279.3	-31.9	473.3	348.0	-26.5
Mining & Energy	69,261.3	37,659.3	-45.6	7,027.4	3,895.8	-44.6	7,063.2	4,039.9	-42.8
Crude oil	41,359.8	24,651.0	-40.4	4,675.5	2,931.6	-37.3	4,743.0	2,849.7	-39.9
Natural Gas and Natural Gas Liquids	25,480.5	12,119.9	-52.4	2,051.5	887.6	-56.7	2,106.6	1,122.9	-46.7
Other Mining and Energy	2,421.1	888.3	-63.3	300.4	76.6	-74.5	213.6	67.3	-68.5
Manufacturing	19,764.2	15,082.8	-23.7	2,057.4	1,470.3	-28.5	2,194.1	1,482.6	-32.4
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	8,056.4	5,433.4	-32.6	859.4	561.6	-34.7	919.3	585.8	-36.3
Paper & Wood Products	1,829.3	1,514.0	-17.2	186.1	158.8	-14.7	201.4	170.1	-15.5
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2,271.1	1,487.0	-34.5	214.7	134.8	-37.2	208.6	162.2	-22.2
Machinery & Transportation Equipment	3,332.5	2,893.6	-13.2	360.8	268.8	-25.5	404.4	216.6	-46.4
Food, Feed & Beverage	2,611.0	2,619.3	0.3	251.5	246.4	-2.1	296.6	250.7	-15.5
Other Manufacturing	1,663.9	1,135.5	-31.8	184.9	100.0	-45.9	163.9	97.2	-40.7
Other Exports	810.0	638.0	-21.2	77.9	72.3	-7.2	81.9	60.9	-25.6

EXPORTS Top 10 Countries ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	SEPTEMBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change	OCTOBER 2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total - all countries	94,163.9	57,212.8	-39.2	9,573.2	5,717.8	-40.3	9,812.5	5,931.4	-39.6
United States	82,623.5	47,832.7	-42.1	8,424.2	4,843.3	-42.5	8,698.6	5,060.4	-41.8
China	2,740.3	2,254.9	-17.7	147.2	195.9	33.1	155.1	246.2	58.7
Japan	1,739.6	1,343.5	-22.8	180.4	136.1	-24.5	239.2	126.2	-47.2
Mexico	872.5	874.4	0.2	112.1	63.6	-43.2	126.0	81.1	-35.6
Korea, South	443.0	451.9	2.0	59.7	71.7	20.0	58.0	41.0	-29.3
Netherlands	281.1	232.3	-17.3	35.6	32.2	-9.6	36.8	34.1	-7.3
Australia	363.5	205.6	-43.4	62.2	24.3	-61.0	34.5	20.8	-39.8
Iraq	175.6	188.2	7.2	18.2	12.9	-29.5	13.1	13.9	6.1
Singapore	55.0	186.0	237.9	2.7	26.8	908.2	0.8	2.3	176.5
Russia	163.7	171.0	4.5	19.7	7.1	-63.9	18.7	16.9	-10.0
All Other Countries	4,706.0	3,472.2	-26.2	511.1	304.0	-40.5	431.5	288.5	-33.1

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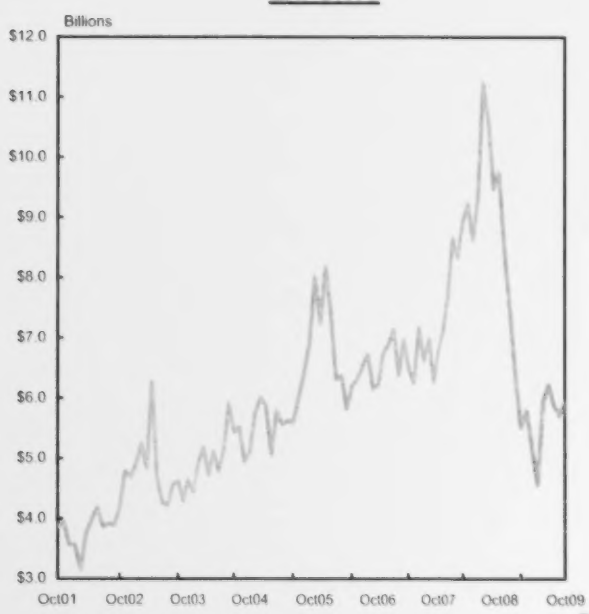

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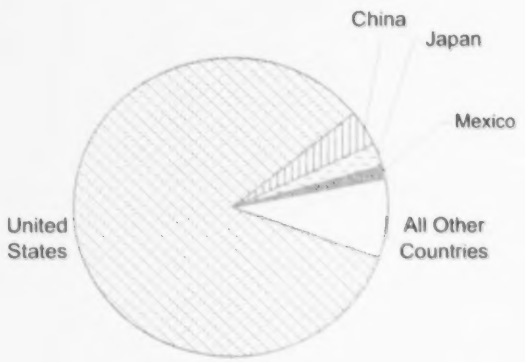

BANKRUPTCIES	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Business (number)	372	341	-8.3	32	35	9.4	35	33	-5.7
Consumer (number)	4,865	8,666	78.1	526	1,163	121.1	632	690	9.2

BUSINESS INCORPORATIONS	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Number of Business Incorporations	37,764	29,022	-23.1	3,689	3,033	-17.8	3,603	3,045	-15.5
Alberta Corporations	35,343	27,027	-23.5	3,450	2,827	-18.1	3,374	2,817	-16.5
Non-Alberta Corporations	2,421	1,995	-17.6	239	206	-13.8	229	228	-0.4

INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS, NON-RESIDENTS ENTERING ALBERTA	JANUARY - SEPTEMBER			AUGUST			SEPTEMBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
Alberta									
Total (includes same-day)	831,348	787,332	-5.3	139,755	125,778	-10.0	96,741	92,151	-4.7
Total (excludes same-day)	780,972	735,120	-5.9	128,289	112,877	-12.0	90,442	84,836	-6.2
U.S.A. (excludes same-day)	482,868	476,360	-1.3	83,266	77,607	-6.8	55,507	56,658	2.1
United Kingdom	122,702	95,371	-22.3	15,748	12,150	-22.8	12,202	10,500	-13.9
Germany	32,616	32,397	-0.7	5,665	5,244	-7.4	4,398	3,745	-14.8
Netherlands	14,884	15,187	2.0	2,554	2,503	-2.0	1,598	2,020	26.4
Mexico	14,638	13,260	-9.4	2,717	982	-63.9	1,904	764	-59.9
Australia	10,364	10,640	2.7	1,280	1,251	-2.3	1,563	1,181	-24.4
France	6,368	6,083	-4.5	1,572	1,543	-1.8	606	664	9.6
Switzerland	7,468	5,731	-23.3	1,416	704	-50.3	839	573	-31.7

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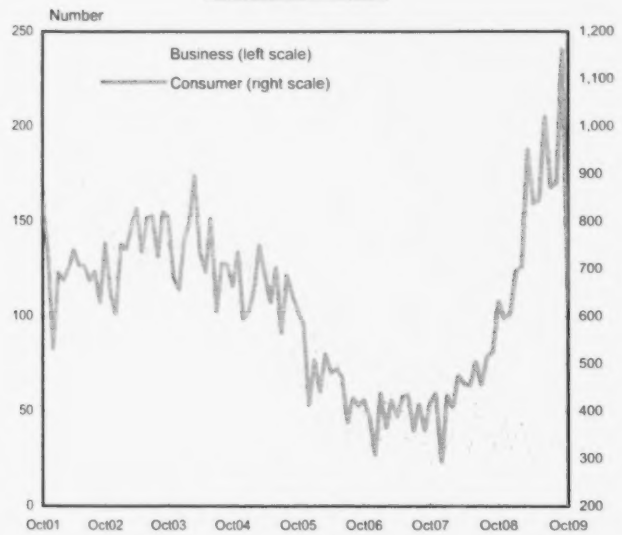

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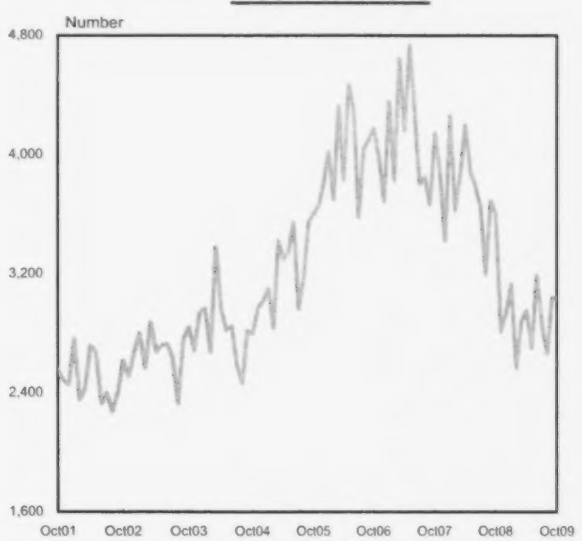

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)	ANNUAL RATES			2008	2009				% Change
	2006	2007	2008	OCT	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	OCT'08 - OCT'09
Alberta									
All Items	112.3	117.9	121.6	121.5	121.5	122.0	121.5	121.6	0.1
Food	107.8	111.4	115.0	116.7	121.2	120.8	119.2	119.5	2.4
Shelter	124.8	140.0	151.1	149.7	146.1	147.4	145.2	145.4	-2.9
Energy	142.7	153.0	172.3	161.3	137.4	143.9	136.2	133.1	-17.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	103.0	104.3	104.8	105.6	107.6	107.7	108.4	109.5	3.7
Transportation	117.1	119.5	121.6	119.5	116.7	117.0	115.8	115.3	-3.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	99.0	100.7	100.4	104.7	106.6	106.7	107.4	106.5	1.7
All Items, excl. Food and Energy	110.3	115.8	118.2	118.6	119.9	119.9	120.3	120.7	1.8
Edmonton	112.0	117.4	121.4	121.3	121.8	122.1	121.7	121.8	0.4
Calgary	112.3	118.0	121.8	121.8	121.6	122.1	121.6	121.9	0.1

EXCHANGE RATES (in $Cdn)	ANNUAL RATES			2008	2009				% Change
	2006	2007	2008	NOV	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	NOV'08 - NOV'09
United States	1.1344	1.0740	1.0671	1.2182	1.0882	1.0818	1.0549	1.0596	15.0
Japan	0.0098	0.0091	0.0104	0.0126	0.0115	0.0119	0.0117	0.0119	5.9
European Monetary Union (EURO)	1.4244	1.4690	1.5603	1.5529	1.5517	1.5764	1.5632	1.5799	-1.7
United Kingdom	2.0898	2.1475	1.9605	1.8659	1.0882	1.7655	1.7099	1.7580	6.1

INTEREST RATES (Prime Rates)	ANNUAL RATES			2008	2009				% Change
	2006	2007	2008	NOV	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	NOV'08 - NOV'09
Canada	5.81	6.10	4.73	4.00	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	-1.75
United States	7.98	8.00	4.94	4.00	3.25	3.25	3.25	3.25	-0.75

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, ALBERTA

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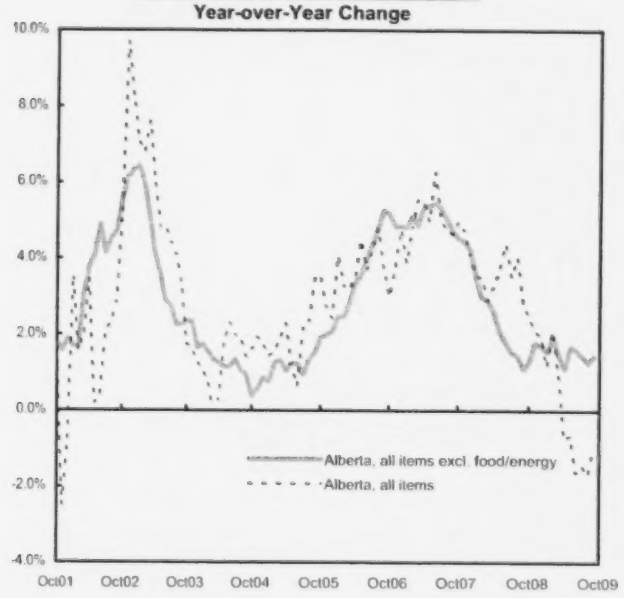

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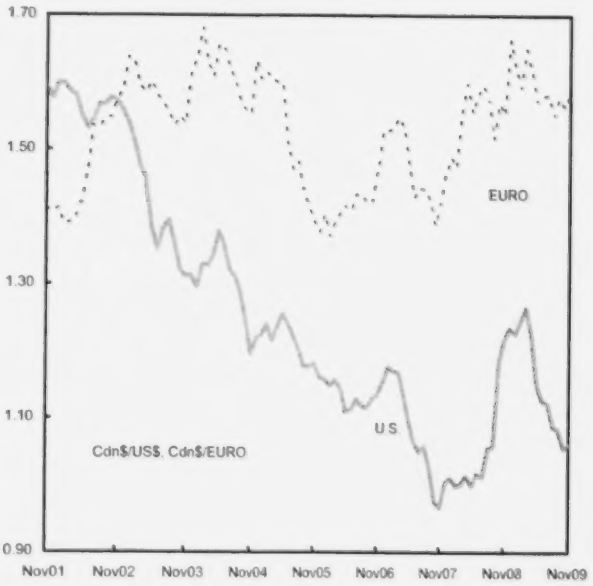

INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
POPULATION ('000s)											
JULY 1, 2008	506	139	937	747	7,753	12,936	1,206	1,014	3,596	4,384	33,327
JULY 1, 2009	509	141	938	749	7,829	13,069	1,222	1,030	3,688	4,455	33,740
Percent Change	0.5	1.1	0.2	0.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.6	2.6	1.6	1.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE* (%)											
NOVEMBER 2008	13.7	10.8	7.8	8.7	7.2	7.1	4.2	3.8	3.5	5.0	6.4
NOVEMBER 2009	15.9	11.7	9.5	8.8	8.1	9.3	5.3	5.2	7.4	8.3	8.5
EMPLOYED* ('000s)											
NOVEMBER 2008	218	70	454	367	3,892	6,663	609	520	2,032	2,307	17,131
NOVEMBER 2009	215	71	455	368	3,850	6,540	609	520	1,980	2,267	16,874
Percent Change	-1.5	1.4	0.2	0.3	-1.1	-1.8	0.0	0.0	-2.6	-1.7	-1.5
EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE* (Average Number of Beneficiaries)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	35,366	7,778	27,328	29,793	158,533	136,859	10,381	8,366	16,838	40,831	474,721
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2009	41,892	8,570	32,977	35,428	200,279	246,443	14,781	12,894	51,782	84,118	735,242
Percent Change	18.5	10.2	20.7	18.9	26.3	80.1	42.4	54.1	207.5	106.0	54.9

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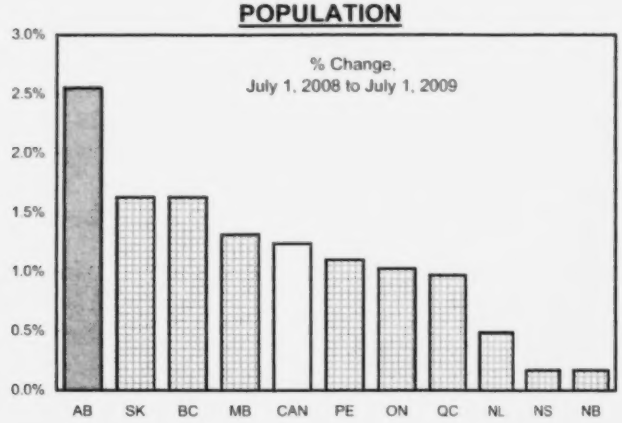

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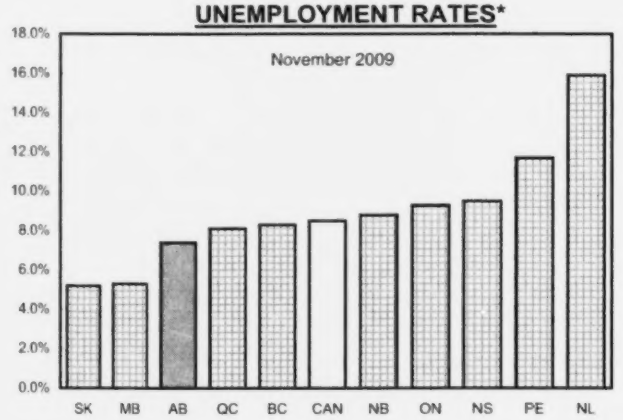

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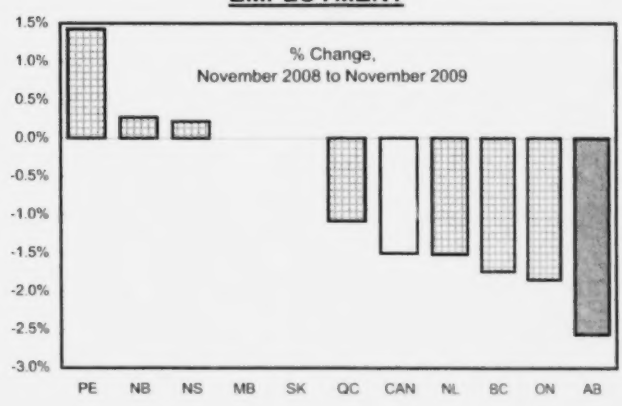

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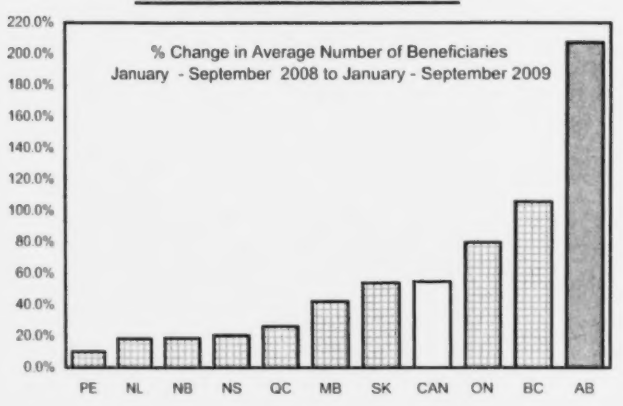

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
WAGES AND SALARIES* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	5,938	1,590	11,858	9,498	104,893	217,633	16,602	14,403	86,255	67,983	539,619
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2009	6,170	1,664	12,045	9,673	106,224	214,931	16,931	14,894	87,659	66,788	540,019
Percent Change	3.9	4.7	1.6	1.8	1.3	-1.2	2.0	3.4	1.6	-1.8	0.1
RETAIL TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	5,293	1,294	9,172	7,435	71,778	114,759	11,281	10,806	46,325	43,059	322,367
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2009	5,376	1,275	9,011	7,319	70,219	109,836	11,031	10,475	41,766	39,706	307,155
Percent Change	1.6	-1.4	-1.8	-1.6	-2.2	-4.3	-2.2	-3.1	-9.8	-7.8	-4.7
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES* (Number)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008	27,357	4,699	45,373	34,262	373,952	509,486	40,922	42,167	204,647	157,178	1,440,043
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2009	23,977	4,366	40,006	29,403	327,625	451,562	36,893	38,298	156,416	126,210	1,234,756
Percent Change	-12.4	-7.1	-11.8	-14.2	-12.4	-11.4	-9.8	-9.2	-23.6	-19.7	-14.3
WHOLESALE TRADE* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	2,324	349	5,297	4,001	74,923	196,214	10,382	15,354	51,047	39,784	400,323
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2009	2,545	337	5,227	4,045	71,512	179,371	9,974	12,353	44,607	36,315	366,859
Percent Change	9.5	-3.4	-1.3	1.1	-4.6	-8.6	-3.9	-19.5	-12.6	-8.7	-8.4

Note: New Motor Vehicle Sales for British Columbia include automobile sales for the Canadian Territories.

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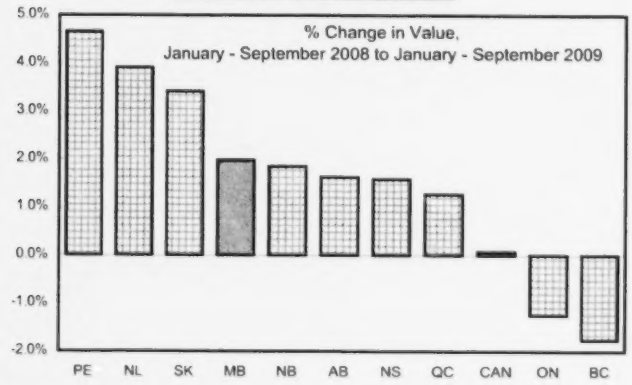

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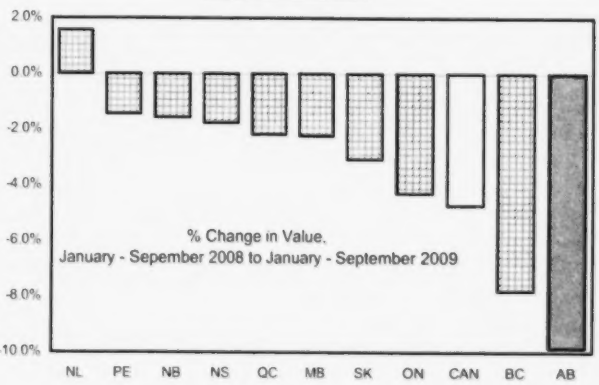

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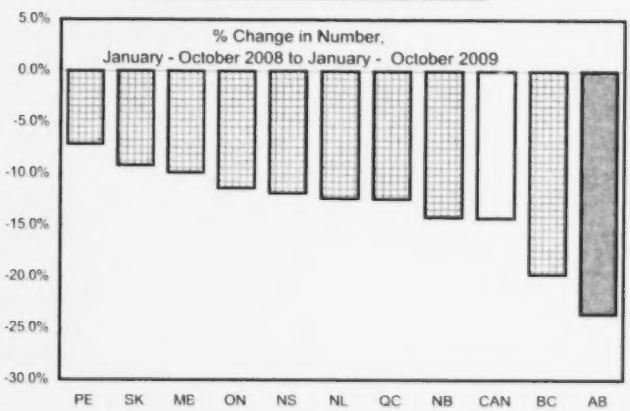

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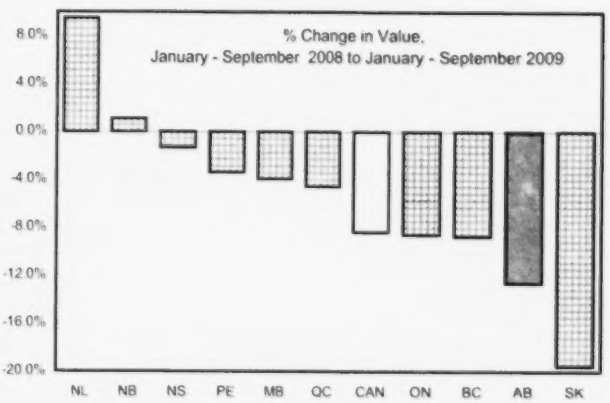

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
URBAN HOUSING STARTS (Number)											
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2008	2,003	452	3,144	3,019	38,807	67,826	3,475	4,494	24,296	29,366	176,882
JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2009	1,785	625	2,471	2,429	32,923	43,607	2,570	2,715	15,651	12,337	117,113
Percent Change	-10.9	38.3	-21.4	-19.5	-15.2	-35.7	-26.0	-39.6	-35.6	-58.0	-33.8
BUILDING PERMITS* ($000,000)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008	653	183	1,117	940	11,504	22,146	1,415	1,892	11,341	9,777	60,970
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2009	643	154	1,116	953	10,598	17,290	1,270	1,616	8,373	6,297	48,312
Percent Change	-1.6	-15.8	0.0	1.4	-7.9	-21.9	-10.2	-14.6	-26.2	-35.6	-20.8
MANUFACTURING* (value of shipments of goods of own manufacture, $000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	5,310	1,048	8,168	14,245	112,861	209,345	12,314	9,310	54,002	30,217	456,884
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2009	3,350	996	6,734	10,466	94,710	164,511	11,100	8,161	41,104	24,265	365,436
Percent Change	-36.9	-5.0	-17.6	-26.5	-16.1	-21.4	-9.9	-12.3	-23.9	-19.7	-20.0
AGRICULTURE (Farm Cash Receipts from farming operations $000,000)											
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2008	83	279	350	346	5,452	7,423	3,624	7,045	7,756	1,818	34,176
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER 2009	79	298	334	370	5,508	6,768	3,623	6,746	7,239	1,793	32,758
Percent Change	-4.5	6.8	-4.6	6.9	1.0	-8.8	0.0	-4.3	-6.7	-1.4	-4.2

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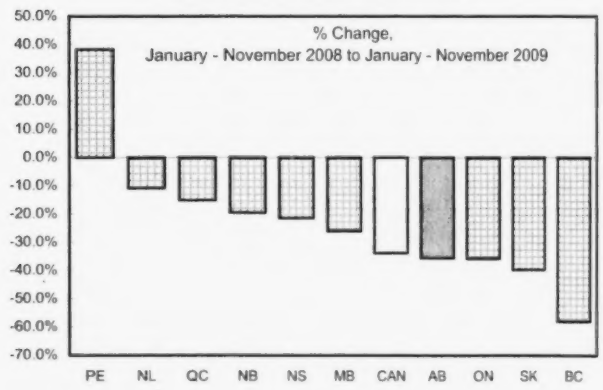

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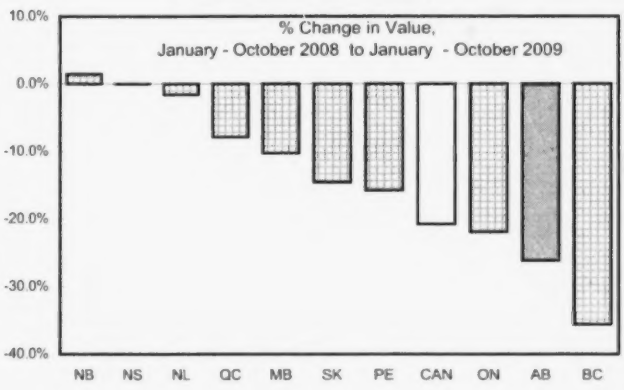

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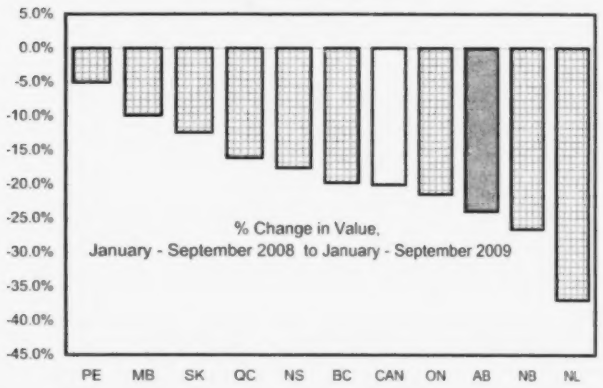

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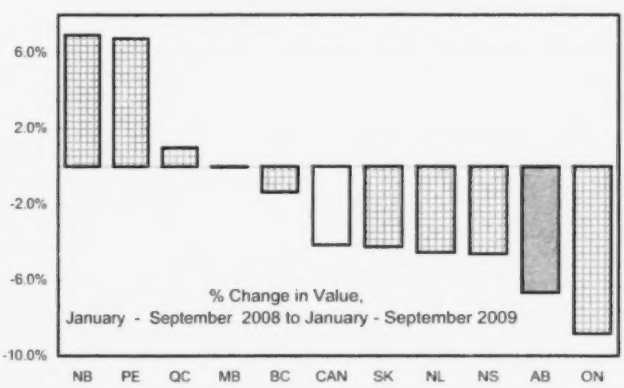

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INTERPROVINCIAL COMPARISONS OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	CAN
EXPORTS ($000,000)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008	12,937	696	4,751	11,397	58,159	139,078	10,911	24,789	94,164	28,015	387,094
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2009	7,199	702	3,438	8,185	46,600	103,851	8,991	17,847	57,213	20,666	275,893
Percent Change	-44.3	0.8	-27.6	-28.2	-19.9	-25.3	-17.6	-28.0	-39.2	-26.2	-28.7
CONSUMER BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008	1,872	362	3,361	2,221	23,565	29,537	1,675	1,230	4,865	5,895	74,626
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2009	2,211	420	3,918	2,827	29,380	39,892	2,080	1,549	8,666	9,134	100,155
Percent Change	18.1	16.0	16.6	27.3	24.7	35.1	24.2	25.9	78.1	54.9	34.2
BUSINESS BANKRUPTCIES (Number)											
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2008	33	12	144	172	1,778	2,071	86	124	372	383	5,180
JANUARY - OCTOBER 2009	30	23	117	87	1,609	1,913	54	141	341	341	4,656
Percent Change	-9.1	91.7	-18.8	-49.4	-9.5	-7.6	-37.2	13.7	-8.3	-11.0	-10.1
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (2002=100)											
OCTOBER 2008	115.1	118.6	116.4	113.4	113.0	113.7	114.3	116.9	121.5	112.8	114.5
OCTOBER 2009	114.6	117.7	115.9	114.0	113.6	113.9	114.4	117.2	121.6	112.1	114.6
Percent Change	-0.4	-0.8	-0.4	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	-0.6	0.1

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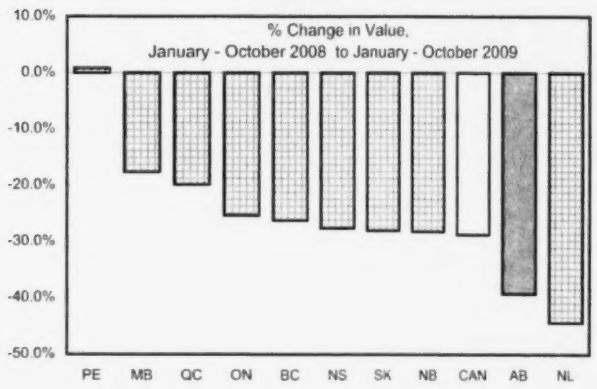

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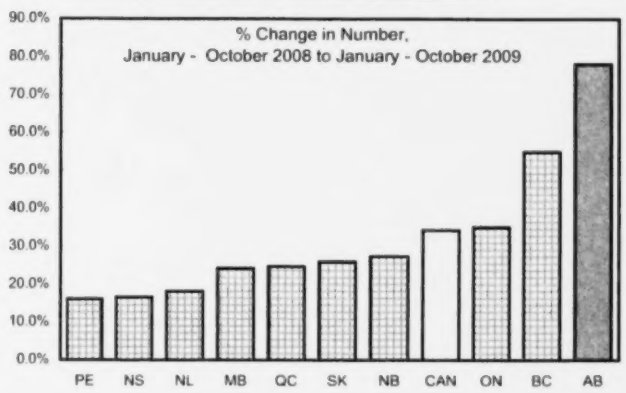

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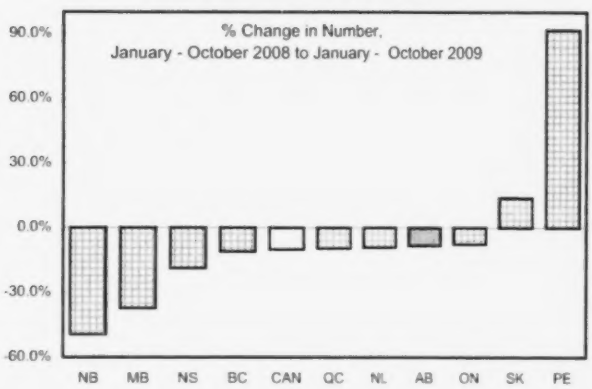

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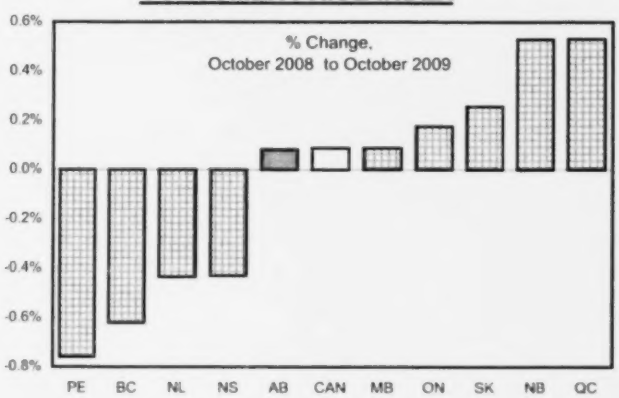

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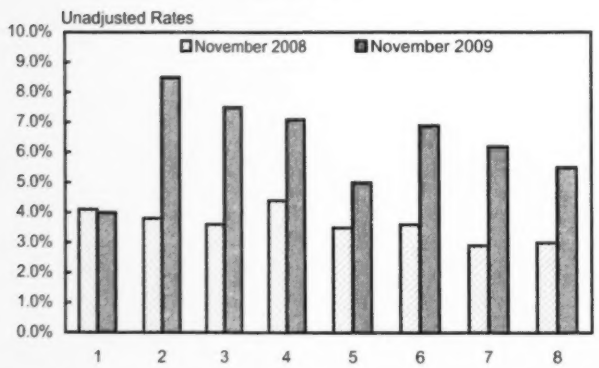
REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

LABOUR FORCE, ALBERTA REGIONS (unadjusted, 3-month moving average)	November 2008	November 2009
Labour Force (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	73.0	74.5
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	138.6	143.0
3) Edmonton Region	672.7	683.1
4) Red Deer Region	112.5	110.3
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	54.0	53.7
6) Calgary Region	798.4	802.7
7) Camrose - Drumheller	115.4	110.0
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	137.1	145.6
Employed (000s)		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	70.0	71.5
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	133.4	130.9
3) Edmonton Region	648.8	631.6
4) Red Deer Region	107.6	102.5
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	52.1	51.0
6) Calgary Region	770.0	747.4
7) Camrose - Drumheller	112.1	103.2
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	133	137.6
Unemployment Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	4.1%	4.0%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	3.8%	8.5%
3) Edmonton Region	3.6%	7.5%
4) Red Deer Region	4.4%	7.1%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	3.5%	5.0%
6) Calgary Region	3.6%	6.9%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	2.9%	6.2%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	3.0%	5.5%
Participation Rate		
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	78.3%	77.9%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	74.0%	74.5%
3) Edmonton Region	72.9%	72.1%
4) Red Deer Region	76.4%	72.5%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	78.6%	76.6%
6) Calgary Region	77.6%	75.7%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	74.3%	70.1%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	65.4%	68.3%

Population (July 1, 2008)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	129,767
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	257,772
3) Edmonton Region	1,168,886
4) Red Deer Region	190,892
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	89,037
6) Calgary Region	1,271,960
7) Camrose - Drumheller	201,089
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	275,739
5-year Population Growth (2003-2008)	
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	14.2%
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	10.0%
3) Edmonton Region	12.2%
4) Red Deer Region	15.5%
5) Banff - Jasper - Rocky Mountain House	7.0%
6) Calgary Region	15.0%
7) Camrose - Drumheller	5%
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	10.1%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ALBERTA REGIONS



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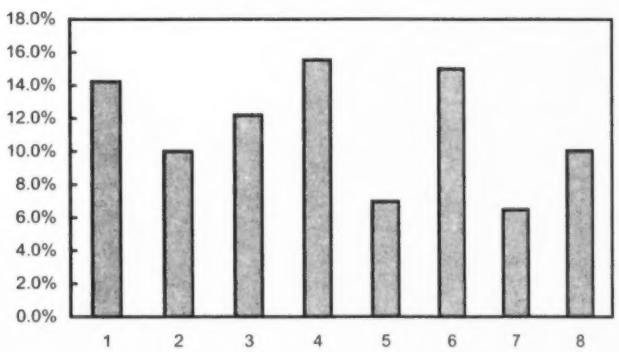


REGIONAL ECONOMIC INDICATORS

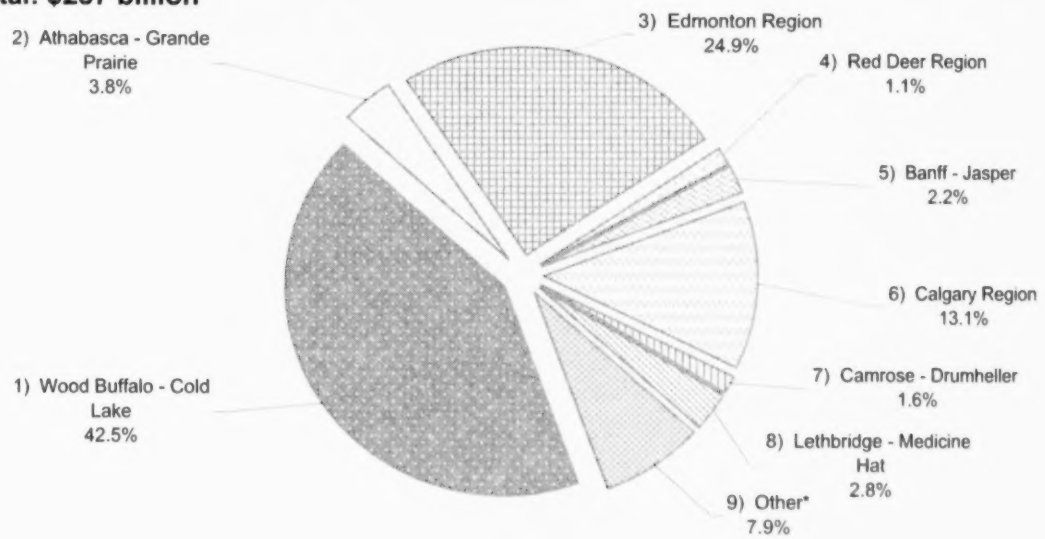
The *Inventory of Major Alberta Projects* tracks projects valued at $5 million or greater that are planned, underway, or have been recently completed.

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	OCTOBER	
Investment ($ 000,000)	2008	2009
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	90,594.8	100,590.5
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	11,862.0	9,029.9
3) Edmonton Region	80,159.1	59,002.7
4) Red Deer Region	2,933.7	2,686.8
5) Banff - Jasper	6,545.9	5,294.0
6) Calgary Region	36,390.5	30,921.9
7) Camrose - Drumheller	5,694.4	3,803.2
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	4,232.9	6,705.5
9) Other*	37,514.4	18,653.1
Total	275,927.7	236,687.6

BUILDING PERMITS ($000,000)	JANUARY - OCTOBER			SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change	2008	2009	Per cent Change
1) Wood Buffalo - Cold Lake	1,015.1	169.4	-83.3	146.7	13.8	-90.6	11.8	33.1	180.2
2) Athabasca - Grande Prairie	806.5	615.0	-23.7	62.1	65.6	5.6	68.0	71.5	5.2
3) Edmonton Region	3,170.7	3,147.9	-0.7	355.9	392.3	10.2	278.5	612.1	119.8
4) Red Deer Region	498.0	265.6	-46.7	73.5	26.3	-64.2	25.7	37.6	46.3
5) Banff - Jasper	252.6	55.9	-77.9	20.9	5.5	-73.8	4.0	6.3	57.2
6) Calgary Region	4,469.0	3,637.9	-18.6	318.8	362.0	13.6	362.2	630.9	74.2
7) Camrose - Drumheller	646.4	370.3	-42.7	43.6	51.2	17.4	61.2	39.6	-35.4
8) Lethbridge - Medicine Hat	602.8	404.0	-33.0	31.0	51.9	67.4	50.1	34.2	-31.7
Total	11,461.2	8,666.1	-24.4	1,052.5	968.5	-8.0	861.5	1,465.2	70.1

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (OCTOBER 2009)

Total: $237 billion



Historic and Current Economic Indicators

Selected Series - Alberta

	Unemployment Rate* (%)	Employed* (000's)	Employment Insurance Beneficiaries*	Wages and Salaries* ($000,000)	Average Weekly Earnings* ($)	Retail Trade* ($000,000)	Food/Drinking Places Receipts ($000,000)	New Motor Vehicle Sales* (#)	Wholesale Trade* ($000,000)
1999	5.7	1,544	35,962	49,264	644.01	29,454	3,655	160,838	29,717
2000	5.0	1,584	27,391	54,624	663.00	31,738	4,035	175,545	33,255
2001	4.6	1,631	25,559	61,355	676.07	34,560	4,471	187,862	35,571
2002	5.3	1,671	32,489	63,400	693.35	37,663	4,610	204,805	36,987
2003	5.1	1,717	33,931	66,266	717.26	39,318	4,727	194,451	39,967
2004	4.6	1,758	28,869	72,707	741.06	43,372	5,030	196,153	44,966
2005	3.9	1,785	22,378	82,878	783.90	48,493	5,450	222,361	52,266
Jan06	3.6	1,809	19,690	7,486	810.64	4,424	491	19,953	4,756
Feb06	3.1	1,835	19,630	7,593	822.55	4,500	486	20,906	4,862
Mar06	3.4	1,842	19,160	7,676	811.93	4,436	490	19,884	4,918
Apr06	3.6	1,847	18,760	7,791	822.06	4,644	493	20,541	4,933
May06	3.3	1,879	18,740	7,859	826.06	4,577	498	20,371	4,901
Jun06	3.6	1,870	18,840	7,940	809.99	4,634	496	19,927	4,935
Jul06	3.6	1,873	17,180	8,028	818.97	4,720	503	20,802	4,889
Aug06	4.1	1,883	20,830	8,097	818.42	4,812	504	22,246	4,924
Sep06	3.4	1,887	18,890	8,165	827.90	4,734	513	20,704	4,918
Oct06	3.0	1,903	18,460	8,233	843.42	4,805	514	21,515	4,876
Nov06	3.2	1,918	17,910	8,358	822.48	4,794	521	19,924	4,955
Dec06	3.3	1,911	17,920	8,453	845.74	4,863	544	21,957	5,109
Avg./Sum	3.4	1,871	18,834	95,678	823.35	55,942	6,051	248,730	58,977
Jan07	3.4	1,931	16,960	8,559	855.18	4,938	535	21,397	5,134
Feb07	3.5	1,938	17,020	8,602	854.35	4,959	523	21,349	5,135
Mar07	3.6	1,936	16,810	8,645	851.10	5,078	549	22,496	5,302
Apr07	3.5	1,949	16,950	8,692	857.90	5,054	528	21,618	4,981
May07	3.7	1,945	17,390	8,745	850.02	5,147	522	21,715	4,903
Jun07	3.8	1,956	16,980	8,877	875.04	5,168	527	21,953	5,141
Jul07	3.3	1,971	18,890	8,936	879.13	5,157	528	21,804	5,179
Aug07	3.5	1,971	17,850	8,965	863.20	5,104	534	22,179	5,194
Sep07	3.6	1,976	16,100	9,047	889.66	5,075	545	20,408	5,199
Oct07	3.4	1,972	15,860	9,136	898.93	5,080	546	20,466	5,240
Nov07	3.7	1,972	15,610	9,193	887.01	5,189	539	20,453	5,266
Dec07	3.1	1,995	15,640	9,257	891.19	5,209	533	21,212	5,266
Avg./Sum	3.5	1,959	16,838	106,654	871.06	61,156	6,410	257,050	61,939
Jan08	3.3	1,999	15,970	9,332	885.77	5,178	529	22,154	5,196
Feb08	3.6	1,995	15,820	9,415	924.01	5,160	531	21,510	5,382
Mar08	3.4	2,001	16,060	9,492	919.75	5,195	538	21,684	5,476
Apr08	3.3	2,007	16,520	9,521	917.31	5,102	548	19,745	5,589
May08	3.6	2,008	16,950	9,556	899.57	5,113	551	20,508	5,811
Jun08	3.3	2,016	16,800	9,650	923.07	5,149	565	20,419	5,659
Jul08	3.7	2,012	18,770	9,666	906.46	5,106	557	19,679	5,826
Aug08	3.5	2,007	17,590	9,769	923.47	5,094	560	19,115	6,124
Sep09	3.8	2,022	17,060	9,854	946.70	5,144	561	19,935	5,985
Oct08	3.7	2,035	18,240	9,878	930.75	5,081	558	19,898	6,092
Nov08	3.5	2,032	20,110	9,914	954.05	4,943	557	18,233	5,887
Dec08	4.2	2,023	22,530	9,928	947.61	4,708	540	15,533	5,638
Avg./Sum	3.6	2,013	17,702	115,975	923.21	60,975	6,596	238,413	68,664
Jan09	4.4	2,026	25,680	**9,838**	947.96	4,730	550	16,666	5,494
Feb09	5.4	2,002	34,180	**9,809**	965.26	4,677	553	14,714	5,240
Mar09	5.8	1,987	44,010	**9,782**	964.08	4,597	550	14,830	5,070
Apr09	6.0	1,993	50,940	**9,734**	936.30	4,620	549	15,270	4,994
May09	6.6	1,994	56,630	**9,794**	943.78	4,628	**556**	14,939	4,818
Jun09	6.8	1,990	62,860	**9,740**	954.57	**4,672**	**555**	15,394	**4,797**
Jul09	7.2	1,986	**62,310**	**9,693**	943.38	**4,619**	**561**	**15,864**	**4,783**
Aug09	7.4	1,979	**57,520**	**9,608**	**934.48**	**4,611**	**555**	**15,813**	**4,708**
Sep09	7.1	1,982	**71,910**	**9,661**	**959.46**	**4,611**	**561**	**16,201**	**4,703**
Oct09	**7.5**	**1,967**						**16,725**	
Nov09	**7.4**	**1,980**							
Dec09									
Avg./Sum									

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	MLS Housing Resales (#)	Housing Starts (#, urban)	Building Permits ($000,000)			Manufacturing Shipments* ($000,000)	Energy Production		Rigs Drilling (#)
			Alberta	Calgary	Edmonton		Oil/Equiv. (Tads m^3)	Gas (Mlns m^3)	
1999	42,684	20,216	4,802	1,917	1,124	37,096	89,066	175,279	210
2000	43,311	21,506	5,296	2,287	1,249	44,430	89,136	176,146	296
2001	48,989	24,457	5,912	2,309	1,462	45,480	89,365	174,094	298
2002	51,042	32,729	6,847	2,714	1,797	45,404	89,885	170,828	231
2003	51,334	32,066	6,667	2,819	1,767	48,072	95,311	166,623	314
2004	57,460	32,188	7,327	2,857	2,028	53,299	101,007	167,676	331
2005	65,866	34,301	10,202	3,921	2,904	60,435	98,879	1[illegible],327	381
Jan06	4,686	2,318	644	254	209	5,536	9,260	14,952	495
Feb06	5,933	3,045	797	337	218	5,387	7,967	13,554	531
Mar06	7,189	3,526	1,248	594	281	5,460	8,231	14,653	540
Apr06	7,182	3,463	1,014	396	270	5,378	8,828	13,804	201
May06	8,300	3,880	1,189	412	309	5,272	8,397	13,958	184
Jun06	7,786	4,276	1,429	458	320	5,322	7,966	13,002	314
Jul06	6,407	3,796	1,209	496	251	5,606	8,911	13,805	442
Aug06	6,378	3,475	1,334	516	367	5,637	9,338	13,972	391
Sep06	5,624	3,338	1,242	564	312	5,413	8,917	13,209	318
Oct06	5,583	2,801	1,395	516	355	5,331	9,696	14,218	325
Nov06	5,252	4,189	1,269	495	390	5,312	9,239	13,660	340
Dec06	4,030	2,775	1,105	442	257	5,435	9,270	14,599	380
Avg./Sum	74,350	40,882	13,876	5,480	3,541	65,091	106,018	167,385	371
Jan07	5,344	3,010	1,017	418	333	5,489	9,131	15,266	433
Feb07	6,602	2,443	851	316	255	5,631	8,526	13,956	447
Mar07	8,159	3,353	1,299	566	334	5,553	9,949	14,244	293
Apr07	7,803	3,929	1,271	424	400	5,501	8,786	13,624	79
May07	8,606	3,684	2,013	1,116	338	5,486	8,845	13,807	64
Jun07	7,327	3,306	1,631	714	418	5,305	8,327	13,042	147
Jul07	5,938	3,050	1,391	548	288	5,307	9,236	13,393	254
Aug07	5,494	3,552	1,396	390	431	5,427	9,950	13,765	234
Sep07	4,371	4,366	1,196	493	274	5,453	9,257	12,871	226
Oct07	4,544	3,236	1,533	732	258	5,522	9,581	13,482	222
Nov07	4,193	2,704	1,178	326	415	5,614	9,278	13,256	229
Dec07	3,049	1,846	953	452	181	5,541	8,813	14,888	293
Avg./Sum	71,430	38,477	15,730	6,495	3,925	65,829	109,681	165,594	241
Jan08	4,021	2,320	1,044	407	330	5,626	9,118	14,843	347
Feb08	4,601	1,988	1,367	589	303	5,633	8,452	13,506	424
Mar08	5,360	4,224	1,012	332	244	5,575	9,302	13,773	314
Apr08	5,996	2,260	1,338	447	267	5,809	8,582	12,981	70
May08	5,958	2,762	1,416	523	381	6,104	8,414	13,009	52
Jun08	6,030	1,649	1,260	433	409	6,248	8,672	12,329	136
Jul08	5,754	2,184	1,180	441	296	6,448	9,546	12,999	250
Aug08	5,031	1,712	929	315	240	6,131	9,615	12,887	259
Sep09	5,182	1,881	1,053	275	352	6,429	8,999	12,297	241
Oct08	3,840	1,885	861	319	276	5,984	9,232	12,833	263
Nov08	2,744	1,431	1,005	451	285	5,495	9,316	12,419	237
Dec08	1,882	1,099	675	186	272	4,931	9,438	13,787	236
Avg./Sum	56,399	25,395	13,141	4,719	3,657	70,411	108,685	157,664	236
Jan09	2,195	930	496	161	220	4,872	**9,261**	14,213	263
Feb09	3,231	658	453	177	155	4,862	**8,807**	12,582	238
Mar09	4,115	702	709	241	299	4,681	**9,354**	13,215	108
Apr09	5,251	873	791	328	242	4,427	**8,838**	12,274	41
May09	6,235	1,063	1,153	634	243	4,458	**8,743**	12,134	32
Jun09	7,368	1,591	942	450	**252**	**4,479**	**8,957**	11,667	59
Jul09	6,552	1,501	829	281	309	**4,312**	**9,609**	**12,048**	85
Aug09	5,407	1,562	859	265	381	**4,516**	**9,570**	**11,889**	97
Sep09	5,258	2,062	**969**	327	**386**	**4,496**			111
Oct09	**4,978**	2,235	**1,465**	**602**	**605**				129
Nov09		**2,217**							**152**
Dec09									
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	Energy Prices		International	Bankruptcies		Incorporations		International
	WTI Crude (US$/barrel)	Gas (C$/GJ)	Exports ($000,000)	Business (#)	Consumer (#)	Alberta (#)	Non-Alberta (#)	Travellers (#, direct entries)**
1999	19.24	2.35	34,717	1,553	8,782	22,762	1,786	874,620
2000	30.20	4.27	55,495	1,709	8,847	27,001	1,970	880,729
2001	25.90	5.12	57,061	1,688	8,121	27,907	1,955	845,325
2002	26.09	3.68	48,931	1,998	8,234	28,141	2,001	826,384
2003	31.04	5.81	57,044	1,636	9,160	30,680	1,891	806,307
2004	41.40	5.98	63,688	1,565	8,719	32,276	2,041	913,320
2005	56.56	7.87	**76,280**	1,194	7,542	38,038	2,284	906,714
Jan06	65.54	9.52	7,382	93	508	3,794	224	41,621
Feb06	62.01	7.38	6,325	59	442	3,505	195	41,959
Mar06	62.97	6.47	6,374	61	521	4,081	250	54,273
Apr06	70.16	6.18	5,826	73	481	3,654	176	45,451
May06	70.96	5.71	6,211	76	490	4,236	232	72,583
Jun06	70.97	5.29	6,312	68	472	4,081	214	115,760
Jul06	74.46	5.22	6,535	33	376	3,370	214	142,737
Aug06	73.08	5.84	6,734	46	429	3,813	226	117,071
Sep06	63.76	5.12	6,164	36	412	3,876	226	83,324
Oct06	59.14	4.40	6,228	53	424	3,923	252	56,750
Nov06	59.47	6.51	6,757	30	388	3,708	270	41,909
Dec06	62.08	7.05	6,896	37	309	3,486	201	68,185
Avg./Sum	66.22	6.22	77,744	666	5,248	45,527	2,680	881,623
Jan07	54.35	6.27	7,135	35	438	4,146	211	45,899
Feb07	59.39	6.82	6,396	58	365	3,582	244	48,882
Mar07	60.74	6.92	6,975	46	423	4,374	273	58,061
Apr07	64.04	6.74	6,485	47	390	3,945	220	51,057
May07	63.53	6.61	6,249	51	431	4,461	276	76,928
Jun07	67.53	6.21	7,168	29	435	4,009	271	122,878
Jul07	74.30	5.43	6,630	39	359	3,570	236	157,136
Aug07	72.36	4.81	6,994	32	415	3,629	223	129,785
Sep07	79.63	4.42	6,280	34	361	3,455	209	94,685
Oct07	85.66	4.96	6,798	22	420	3,885	258	60,811
Nov07	94.63	5.54	7,087	29	437	3,622	268	43,170
Dec07	91.74	5.85	7,677	27	294	3,242	182	64,645
Avg./Sum	72.32	5.88	81,873	449	4,768	45,920	2,871	953,937
Jan08	92.93	6.19	8,571	33	433	4,008	253	47,123
Feb08	95.35	6.72	8,282	39	409	3,362	263	49,943
Mar08	105.32	7.52	8,785	38	476	3,650	214	61,154
Apr08	112.46	8.11	9,194	37	458	3,955	244	51,448
May08	125.46	8.92	9,212	28	455	3,616	270	76,685
Jun08	134.04	9.81	9,305	55	505	3,524	266	121,766
Jul08	133.93	9.84	11,223	37	457	3,405	244	154,122
Aug08	116.69	7.35	10,206	38	514	2,999	199	128,289
Sep08	103.40	6.28	9,573	32	526	3,450	239	90,442
Oct08	76.72	6.27	9,812	35	632	3,374	229	59,701
Nov08	57.61	6.25	8,530	45	595	2,609	203	47,030
Dec08	42.04	6.36	7,479	30	606	2,756	183	66,545
Avg./Sum	99.66	7.47	109,933	447	6,066	40,708	2,807	954,248
Jan09	41.92	5.77	6,384	39	696	2,926	205	47,573
Feb09	39.21	4.66	5,522	44	706	2,354	213	48,459
Mar09	48.06	4.01	**5,820**	31	951	2,680	199	53,224
Apr09	49.95	3.41	**5,172**	24	838	2,760	194	52,593
May09	59.21	3.13	**4,569**	34	847	2,509	191	72,353
Jun09	69.70	2.97	**5,941**	33	1,021	2,978	212	114,215
Jul09	64.29	2.94	**6,301**	35	872	2,682	178	**148,990**
Aug09	71.14	2.72	**5,856**	33	882	2,494	169	**112,877**
Sep09	69.47	2.48	**5,718**	35	1,163	2,827	206	**84,836**
Oct09	76.08	**3.40**	**5,931**	**33**	**690**	**2,817**	**228**	
Nov09	**78.15**							
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	Consumer Price Index (2002 = 100)					Exchange Rates		Prime Rates	
	Alberta	Shelter	Energy	Edmonton	Calgary	(Cdn$/US$)	(Cdn$/EURO)	Canada (%)	U.S. (%)
1999	91.4	91.3	84.5	92.1	90.8	1.4857	1.5853	6.44	8.02
2000	94.5	96.9	102.0	95.1	94.1	1.4854	1.3704	7.27	9.27
2001	96.7	99.3	102.2	97.2	96.4	1.5489	1.3872	5.81	6.79
2002	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.5706	1.4838	4.21	4.67
2003	104.4	108.1	119.2	105.3	103.5	1.4010	1.5823	4.69	4.13
2004	105.9	109.8	123.8	106.4	105.3	1.3013	1.6169	4.00	4.38
2005	108.1	113.5	136.2	108.6	107.4	1.2114	1.5085	4.42	6.23
Jan06	110.4	120.8	148.4	110.6	109.9	1.1573	1.4032	5.25	7.25
Feb06	109.7	117.7	132.8	110.1	108.9	1.1489	1.3716	5.25	7.50
Mar06	110.3	118.0	135.9	110.6	109.5	1.1574	1.3921	5.50	7.75
Apr06	111.4	120.6	148.8	111.4	110.9	1.1438	1.4046	5.75	7.75
May06	112.2	121.9	149.7	112.1	112.0	1.1095	1.4159	6.00	8.00
Jun06	111.8	120.4	136.7	111.6	111.7	1.1138	1.4101	6.00	8.00
Jul06	113.4	126.1	154.3	112.8	113.6	1.1292	1.4318	6.00	8.25
Aug06	113.9	126.3	154.1	113.0	114.4	1.1183	1.4321	6.00	8.25
Sep06	114.1	131.2	145.6	113.2	114.7	1.1162	1.4199	6.00	8.25
Oct06	113.0	129.7	131.0	112.2	113.5	1.1286	1.4239	6.00	8.25
Nov06	113.7	131.8	135.2	113.0	114.2	1.1362	1.4650	6.00	8.25
Dec06	114.2	133.6	139.3	113.5	114.7	1.1530	1.5230	6.00	8.25
Avg./Sum	112.3	124.8	142.7	112.0	112.3	1.1343	1.4244	5.81	7.98
Jan07	114.7	134.3	141.1	113.9	115.0	1.1759	1.5275	6.00	8.25
Feb07	115.0	133.8	137.4	114.2	115.6	1.1707	1.5315	6.00	8.25
Mar07	116.4	135.8	149.8	115.7	116.7	1.1682	1.5473	6.00	8.25
Apr07	117.5	138.0	157.2	117.0	117.6	1.1343	1.5333	6.00	8.25
May07	117.8	135.9	152.8	117.1	117.6	1.0949	1.4801	6.00	8.25
Jun07	118.8	140.0	159.2	118.6	118.6	1.0652	1.4295	6.00	8.25
Jul07	119.1	140.6	160.8	118.8	119.1	1.0503	1.4417	6.25	8.25
Aug07	119.3	143.8	161.7	119.1	119.3	1.0582	1.4410	6.25	8.25
Sep07	119.4	143.1	158.3	119.1	119.3	1.0254	1.4273	6.25	7.75
Oct07	118.6	144.5	150.8	118.3	118.7	0.9752	1.3882	6.25	7.50
Nov07	119.1	145.3	154.1	118.8	118.6	0.9671	1.4202	6.25	7.50
Dec07	118.9	145.4	153.0	118.6	119.0	1.0030	1.4607	6.00	7.25
Avg./Sum	117.9	116.9	153.0	117.4	117.9	1.0740	1.4690	6.10	8.00
Jan08	118.8	146.0	155.3	118.5	118.9	1.0111	1.4877	5.75	6.00
Feb08	119.0	146.4	155.2	118.7	119.1	0.9991	1.4738	5.75	6.00
Mar08	119.8	147.9	162.6	119.5	120.0	1.0020	1.5556	5.25	5.25
Apr08	121.3	150.9	176.7	121.2	121.2	1.0139	1.5972	4.75	5.25
May08	122.2	151.6	184.6	121.9	122.3	0.9994	1.5555	4.75	5.00
Jun08	124.0	156.0	204.6	123.7	123.9	1.0167	1.5821	4.75	5.00
Jul08	123.3	152.8	194.5	123.6	123.0	1.0127	1.5955	4.75	5.00
Aug08	124.1	156.9	201.6	123.6	124.4	1.0543	1.5734	4.75	5.00
Sep09	122.8	150.0	179.7	122.3	123.1	1.0583	1.5170	4.75	5.00
Oct08	121.5	149.7	161.3	121.3	121.8	1.1848	1.5688	4.00	4.50
Nov08	121.6	151.6	148.7	121.4	122.0	1.2182	1.5529	4.00	4.00
Dec08	121.2	153.0	142.7	121.0	121.8	1.2345	1.6635	3.50	3.25
Avg./Sum	121.6	116.9	172.3	121.4	121.8	1.0671	1.5603	4.73	4.94
Jan09	120.2	150.3	135.7	120.2	120.7	1.2263	1.6230	3.00	3.25
Feb09	121.5	151.8	146.5	121.5	121.9	1.2451	1.5929	3.00	3.25
Mar09	120.9	148.6	137.4	120.9	121.3	1.2645	1.7910	2.50	3.25
Apr09	120.4	146.3	131.2	120.5	120.8	1.2240	1.8010	2.25	3.25
May09	121.4	145.8	133.5	121.6	121.5	1.1509	1.7767	2.25	3.25
Jun09	122.0	146.1	137.4	122.2	122.1	1.1265	1.5785	2.25	3.25
Jul09	121.5	146.1	137.4	121.8	121.6	1.1223	1.5820	2.25	3.25
Aug09	122.0	147.4	143.9	122.1	122.1	1.0882	1.5517	2.25	3.25
Sep09	**121.5**	**145.2**	**136.2**	**121.7**	**121.6**	1.0818	1.5764	2.25	3.25
Oct09	**121.6**	**145.4**	**133.1**	**121.8**	**121.9**	1.0549	1.5632	2.25	3.25
Nov09						**1.0596**	**1.5799**	**2.25**	**3.25**
Dec09									
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*Statistics Canada updated the 2001 consumer price index (CPI) basket of goods and services to the 2005 basket. Also, the base year changed from 1992 to 2002

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